



CENTRAL DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES FOR THE ARIZONA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM



Arizona Early Intervention Program Resources

To refer a child to the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP), contact the program in the AzEIP Statewide Referral List that receives referral in the area that the child lives. A copy of this list is available by contacting the Arizona Early Intervention Program at (602) 532-9960; or (888) 439-5609 (outside Maricopa county). To refer a child online, please go to:

<https://app.azdes.gov/azeip/familyinfo.asp#referchild>

AzEIP Participating Agencies are those five state agencies identified in Arizona law that are responsible for maintaining and implementing a comprehensive, coordinated, interagency system of early intervention services throughout Arizona according to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C. The five participating state agencies are:

- (1) **Arizona Department of Education (ADE)** seeks to ensure academic excellence for all children. Through its Exceptional Student Services division, ADE provides special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B to children three years of age through 21 years of age.

1535 West Jefferson Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Phone: (602) 542-5393

1-800-352-4558

Main website: <http://www.ade.az.gov/>

Special Education Page (Exceptional Students): www.ade.state.az.us/ess

Parent Information Network Specialists (PINS) are parent consultants with the ADE, Exceptional Student Services serving every county in Arizona and providing essential information for parents to actively participate in their child's special education. PINS offer training and resources to educators, college students, service providers, community agencies, and parent organizations. PINS assist parents and community partners to understand the special education process and related issues. To find a PINS in your area, go to www.azed.gov/ess/pinspals; call toll-free Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm, 1-877-230-PINS (7467), or email PINS@azed.gov

For free, special education resources, go to <https://www.azed.gov/ess/das/pinspals/documents/Section504/GR07.pdf> or contact a PINS.

- (2) **Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)** is Arizona's Medicaid agency that offers health care programs to serve Arizona residents. Individuals must meet certain income and other requirements to obtain services.

801 E. Jefferson Street, MD 3400
Phoenix, AZ 85034
Phone: (602) 417-4000
<http://www.azahcccs.gov/>

- (3) **Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)** promotes and protects the health of Arizona's children and adults. ADHS operates programs in behavioral health, disease prevention and control, health promotion, community public health, environmental health, maternal and child health, emergency preparedness and regulation of childcare and assisted living centers, nursing homes, hospitals, other health care providers and emergency services.

150 North 18th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Phone: (602) 542-1025
<http://www.azdhs.gov/index.htm>

Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs (OCSHCN), within ADHS, seeks to continuously improve comprehensive systems of care that enhance the health, future and quality of life for children with special health care needs and their families. OCSHCN administers the Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS) program (Title XIX: Medicaid, and Title XXI: SCHIP or KidsCare) that provides medical services to children, birth through age 20, with certain chronic and

disabling conditions. OCSHCN promotes best practice for children with special health care needs, provides information, training and resources on navigating the system, transition and family centered cultural competence as well as referral services.

150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 330
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Phone: (602) 542-1860
www.azdhs.gov

- (4) **Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB)** educates children and youth with hearing or vision loss throughout Arizona. ASDB is committed to partnerships with families, school districts, communities, and others that will enable children and youth with hearing or vision loss to succeed now and in the future.

P.O. Box 88510
Tucson, AZ 85754
Phone: (520) 770-3601
<http://www.asdb.state.az.us/>

- (5) **Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)** is the lead agency for implementing the Arizona Early Intervention Program. The mission of DES is to promote the safety, well-being, and self sufficiency of children, adults, and families. Its goals are to (1) strengthen individuals and families; (2) increase self-sufficiency; and (3) develop the capacity of communities.

1789 West Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Phone: (800) 352-8168
www.azdes.gov

- a. **Arizona Early Intervention Program (DES/AzEIP)** is the program within DES designated to fulfill lead agency functions and responsibilities for early intervention..

3839 N. 3rd Street, Suite 304
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Phone: (602) 532-9960

outside Maricopa county: (888) 439-5609

www.azdes.gov/azeip

- b. Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)** provides services and supports to help eligible individuals with developmental disabilities achieve self-sufficiency and independence. DDD also offers supports for family members and other caregivers.

1789 West Jefferson Avenue, S/C 791A

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Phone: (602) 542-0419

(866) 229-5553 (toll free)

www.azdes.gov/ddd

AzEIP Service Providing Agencies are those state agencies identified in Arizona law that provide early intervention services under IDEA, Part C:

- (1) Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; and
- (2) Arizona Department of Economic Security through:
 - a. DES, Arizona Early Intervention Program (DES/AzEIP) and
 - b. DES, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES/DDD).



Local and State Resources

DES/Child Care Administration assists eligible families with child care costs, enabling parents to participate in employment and specific education and training activities related to employment, or in certain other circumstances when parents are unable to provide care.

1789 W. Jefferson 801A
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Phone: 602-542-4248
https://www.azdes.gov/az_child_care/

For assistance in finding child care in Arizona, call: (800) 308-9000

<http://www.arizonachildcare.org/>

Early Head Start and Head Start provide high quality early childhood education, nutrition, health, mental health, disabilities, and social services with a strong parent involvement focus. Early Head Start – for parents with children birth – three years of age; Head Start – for parents with children three years through five years of age. To find a program in your area, please contact:

Arizona Head Start Association
2525 South Rural Road, Suite 4S
Tempe, AZ 85282
(480) 557-9607
<http://www.azheadstart.org/>

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. provides member tribes with the means for action on matters that affect them collectively and individually, to promote tribal sovereignty and to strengthen tribal governments.

2214 North Central Avenue, Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Phone: 602-258-4822
<http://www.itcaonline.com/index.html>

AzEIP Staff Development Training Project is a project within the Institute for Human Development (IHD) at Northern Arizona University and provides technical assistance, training, and other support for early intervention professionals and families within the State. ASDTP also assists the State with monitoring programs to ensure compliance and program improvement. To carry out these activities, the ASDTP has regional Technical Assistance and Monitoring Specialists that work with local early intervention communities.

P.O. Box 5630
Flagstaff AZ 86011-5630
(928) 523-4791
<https://azeip.nau.edu/azeip>

Raising Special Kids is a non-profit organization of families helping families of children with the full range of disabilities and special health needs in Arizona. As **Arizona's Parent Training and Information Center**, Raising Special Kids provides families with information, training, and assistance in understanding their parental rights and responsibilities under Part C of IDEA. All programs and services are provided to families free of charge.

5025 E. Washington St. #204
Phoenix, AZ 85034
(602) 242-4366 or (800) 237-3007
Email at info@raisingspecialkids.org.
<http://www.raisingspecialkids.org/>

Southern Arizona: Tucson-Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona at (520) 324-3150, toll free at 877-365-7220, ppsa@pilotparents.org
Northern Arizona: Flagstaff Office at (928) 523-4870, info@raisingspecialkids.org

First Things First undertakes activities to increase the quality of, and access to, the early childhood development and health system that ensures a child entering school comes healthy and ready to succeed. It seeks to improve the lives of children birth through age five, in order to ensure their readiness for school and support their families in preparing them for a lifetime of success and wellbeing.

4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 800
Phoenix, AZ 85012
(602) 771-5100 or (877) 803-7234
www.azftf.gov



National Resources

United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is dedicated to improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) authorizes formula grants to states, and discretionary grants to institutions of higher education and other non-profit organizations to support research, demonstrations, technical assistance and dissemination, technology and personnel development and parent-training and information centers.

Office of Special Education Programs
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20202-7100
Telephone: (202) 245-7459
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html>

Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center (MPRRC) is a U.S Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs-funded project that helps build the capacity of State Education Agencies and Lead Agencies under IDEA in improving programs and services for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities. The MPRRC is part of the Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education Center (TAESE), which is the technical assistance division of the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University.

1780 North Research Parkway
Suite 112
Logan, Utah 84341
435.797.9009 (Phone)
<http://www.rfcnetwork.org/mprrc>

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC) is a center supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) under the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). NECTAC serves Part C-Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities Programs and Part B-Section 619 Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities In all 50 states and 10 jurisdictions to improve service systems and outcomes for children and families.

Campus Box 8040, UNC-CH
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-8040
(919) 962-2001
<http://www.nectac.org/>

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

Ballston Plaza Two
1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201-5704
(800) 224-6830
<http://www.cec.sped.org/>

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provides the requirements for ensuring equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, State and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation, and requiring the establishment of TDD/telephone relay services. The United States Department of Justice oversees the Disabilities Rights Section that offers information and technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act

U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Civil Rights Division
Disability Rights Section - NYA
Washington, D.C. 20530
(800) 514-0301
<http://www.ada.gov/>

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY) serves the nation as a central source of information on:

- * disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth,
- * IDEA, which is the law authorizing special education,
- * No Child Left Behind (as it relates to children with disabilities), and
- * research-based information on effective educational practices.

1825 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20009
1.800.695.0285
<http://www.nichcy.org/index.html>



Research and Demonstration Projects in Arizona

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) exist in every state to serve as a resource for people in the areas of education, research and service relative to the needs of people with developmental disabilities. Authorized by the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 and funded by the Administration of Developmental Disabilities within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there are 67 UCEDDs in the United States and its territories.

The Institute for Human Development (IHD) - a statewide, interdisciplinary disability center located on the campus of Northern Arizona University. IHD includes and supports consumers and family members in addressing its mission to build and enhance a culturally competent and responsive statewide disability service system. Four primary areas of disability emphasis for the Institute are: 1) interdisciplinary college and university education, including continuing education; 2) community services, training and technical assistance; 3) research and program evaluation; 4) dissemination of information on current and effective, evidence-based practices and policy.

P.O. Box 5630
Flagstaff AZ 86011-5630
(928) 523-4791
<http://www4.nau.edu/ihd/>

Sonoran UCEDD – The goal of the Sonoran UCEDD is to ensure full community participation by individuals with developmental disabilities through:

- Interdisciplinary training of students and service professionals on developmental disabilities
- Research and analysis aimed at developing new knowledge on disability which can be translated into model programs and public policy initiatives
- Technical assistance and information sharing for the community at large on disability best practices and new information
- Exemplary services and model program development to enhance and expand the systems of support for people with developmental disabilities

P.O. Box 245052
Tucson, Arizona 85724-5052
(520) 626-0442
<http://sonoranucedd.fcm.arizona.edu/index.php?q=>

In addition, please contact the State universities for information on current research and demonstration projects.

Arizona State University

Tempe Campus: University Drive and Mill Avenue, Tempe, Ariz.

(480) 965-9011

<http://www.asu.edu/>

Northern Arizona University

South San Francisco Street

Flagstaff, AZ 86011

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<http://home.nau.edu/>

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